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SUBJECT: SWAPO REP DISCUSSES CUBAN "ASSISTANCE" IN "LIBERATION"
OF NAMIBIA

1. "NABIBIA LIBERATION MOVEMENT" SWAPO'S NORDIC REPRESENTATIVE, BEN AMATHILA, ATTENDED FEB 21-22 "CONFERENCE ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" ARRANGED AS PART OF SO-CALLED "JYVASKYLA WINTER." THE ANNUAL "JYVASKYLA WINTER" IS A SERIES OF SEMINARS. IT RECEIVES A GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION AND COVERAGE AND IS THE ONLY REMAINING FORUM OF JOINT COMMUNIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CULTURAL ACTIVITY. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL ULF SUNDQVIST AND OTHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ADDRESSING CONFERENCE CALLED FOR GREATER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING AND ORGANIZING OF "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY" ACTIVITY -- CLAIMING THAT FINNISH PEACE DEFENDERS, CONTROLLED BY MINORITY STALINIST FACTION OF COMMUNIST PARTY, WAS UNREPRESENTATIVE OF FINNISH LEFT-OF-CENTER GROUPS.

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2. INTERVIEWED BY PRESS AND TV, AMATHILA SAID THAT WHILE SWAPO "HAS INTENSIFIED ITS MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NAMIBIA, IT ALSO IS WAITING TO SEE WHETHER A UN RESOLUTION WILL BE PASSED THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN TROOPS." AMATHILA IS QUOTED AS BELIEVING THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH WEST AFRICA BY AUGUST 31, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY WELL RECOMMEND THAT VOLUNTEERS BE SENT TO FIGHT IN LIBERATING NAMIBIA.

3. AMATHILA ALSO SAID THAT IF VOLUNTEERS WERE AUTHORIZED, THEN CUBANS COULD BE INCLUDED. HE ADMITTED, WHEN PRESSED BY REPORTERS, THAT USE OF CUBAN TROOPS COULD BE "CONSIDERED" EVEN WITHOUT UN AUTHORIZATION -- "IF A NEED ARISES IN THE FUTURE." AT THE SAME TIME AMATHILA EMPHASIZED THAT SWAPO HAS NO MANPOWER SHORTAGE. HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST SUPPLIES HAD BEEN A PROBLEM, BUT SUPPLY SITUATION NOW BETTER THAN EVER. HE CLAIMED THAT EVEN THOUGH SWAPO ACTIVITY HAS NOT DEVELOPED INTO FULL-FLEDGED WARFARE AND ATTACKS MIGHT SEEM SCATTERED, THEY WERE PART OF AN OVERALL PLAN.

4. AMATHILA ALSO APPEALED TO FINLAND TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE TRIAL OF SIX PERSONS WHICH STARTED A WEEK AGO AND IN WHICH THE ACCUSED ARE CHARGED WITH AIDING IN THE MURDER OF AMBO CHIEF FILEMON ELIFAS.
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